

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 813
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jackie Sisson upon her selection as Teacher of the Year at Manley Primary School and Manley Intermediate School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jackie Sisson is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sisson has recently been selected as Teacher of the Year by her colleagues at Manley Primary School and Manley Intermediate School, an honor most befitting her outstanding 32-year tenure as a positive influence on countless young lives; and

WHEREAS, being selected as Teacher of the Year at the school level is the first step in the competition for regional, state, and national honors; Ms. Sisson will compete against other school-level winners from Hamblen County in order to advance to the district competition; and

WHEREAS, serving with acumen and alacrity as the Librarian at Manley for the past ten exemplary years, Jackie Sisson holds an Ed.S. degree in Administration and Supervision, a Master of Science degree in Education, and a Bachelor of Science degree in General Science and Library Science from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, prior to becoming the schools' Librarian, Ms. Sisson taught reading and math and served as Chapter I Reading and Math Supervisor for the school system; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sisson is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, a Career Ladder III teacher, she has received the International Reader Association's Presidents Award, and her thesis results were published and presented to the Mid-South Research Educational Symposium in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Sisson truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to her community, Ms. Sisson is a supporter of the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, and Hospice; she reads to patients in nursing homes, tutors students, and prepares classroom materials in her free time; and

WHEREAS, even during her summer vacations, Ms. Sisson's unwavering devotion to her community continues with storytime programs she presents at the public library and First United Methodist Church library; and

WHEREAS, truly epitomizing the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, Jackie Sisson should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Ms. Jackie Sisson on being chosen as Manley Primary School's and Manley Intermediate School's Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her luck and all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.